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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
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Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Re: **Ex Parte** – In the Matter of National Association of Broadcasters and Association of Local Television Stations, Request for Modification or Clarification of Broadcast Carriage Rules for Satellite Carriers, Declaratory Ruling and Order, DA **02-765**, CS Docket **00-96**, CSR-5865-Z

Dear Ms. Dortch:

In accordance with Section 1.1206 of the Commission's Rules, 47 C.F.R. § 1.1206, DIRECTV, Inc. ("DIRECTV") submits this letter to report that on January 10, 2003, the undersigned spoke with Alex Johns of Commissioner Copps' office; and on January 15, 2003, with Sarah Whitesell of Commissioner Adelstein's office regarding the above-referenced proceeding.

Specifically, DIRECTV urged that the Commission act promptly on the pending Applications for Review filed in May 2002 in this matter. DIRECTV stated its support for the views expressed in the Joint Statement of Commissioners Martin and Copps (April 10, 2002) in which they stated that the Media Bureau's decision in this matter permitting EchoStar to continue its policy requiring consumers to acquire two satellite dishes in order to receive all local broadcast channels in a Designated Market Area (DMA) is inconsistent with the language of the Satellite Home Viewer Improvement Act. DIRECTV also pointed out that in each DMA in which it is providing local channels today, DIRECTV delivers all local broadcast channels from a single CONUS orbital location, enabling consumers to receive all local broadcast channels using a single satellite dish.

If you have any questions concerning this notice, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Merrill S. Spiegel'.

Merrill S. Spiegel

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LISA ADAMS